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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2002, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed October 9, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1-20 stand rejected.

The rejection of Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Mandyam (U.S. Pat. No. 6,236,989) is respectfully traversed.

Mandyam describes a method and a system for providing users network-based help information for software applications that reside on a host data processing system. More specifically, dynamically-updated help databases that include a plurality of HTML help files may be accessed via links to other processing systems through an HTML browser. As defined by Mandyam, such help information refers to a set of instructions provided by software manufactures that provide fundamental guidance for users of the software applications. Notably, Mandyam do not describe nor suggest an apparatus or a method for